



Foreign Affairs Manual

14 FAM – Logistics Management

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14 FAM 720 DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues the following revisions to subchapter 14 FAM 720:
 - **14 FAM 722, What Is a Diplomatic Pouch, paragraph b:** Now references Article 27(3) of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (VCDR);
 - **14 FAM 724.8, Use of Pouch by Fulbright Scholars, paragraph a:** Shipment cannot exceed four *single* copy-paper-size boxes, none of which may weigh more than 50 pounds. *This shipment cannot meet/exceed bulk limitations. If shipment becomes bulk, the entire shipment will be returned to sender. Tracking or registry numbers should be included on all parcels (14FAM 723.3 and 14 FAM 723.2);*
 - **14 FAM 728.1, Pouch Control Officer, paragraph c:** Actions to be taken on prohibited items are delineated in 14 FAH-4 *H-228.2*;
 - **14 FAM 728.3, Post Management:** Post management must develop, implement, and publish post-specific procedures based on 14 FAM 700 and 14 FAH-4 *H-210*; and
 - **14 FAM Exhibit 723.3, Items Prohibited for Pouch Dispatch:** Batteries prohibited (and permitted); wood chips; (kitchen knives are allowed).
2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
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